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| For:        | Hepatitis C Assay Systems       |                   |        |

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

This communication is in response to the final Office Action mailed November 30, 2007 which set a three-month period for response that expired on February 29, 2008. A Notice of Appeal is filed concurrently. Applicants request consideration of the enclosed Amendments and Remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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